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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Joint Security Control

Interviewed on 10 February 1971 at his office, Room 1 B 717, the Pentagon, WILBER W. HOARE, JR., Historian for the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Ext. 73088), stated that unclassified information concerning Joint Security Control is as follows:

Joint Security Control was a very small organization established under the Joint Chiefs of Staff in August 1942, having an office representative for each of the Army and the Navy.

Its original purpose was to coordinate the security arrangements regarding the planning for Operation TORCH, the landing in North Africa.

Afterward it took on other duties of coordinating security arrangements of the two military services. It never had more than a very small staff. Its two representative members were from the Intelligence Services of Army and Navy.

It was abolished in October 1947 as one of the incidents attendant upon the unification of the military services under the National Security Act

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of 1947. Its functions were taken over directly by JCS, and it might be said they came to be assumed by JIC.

There was no information, or knowledge, of what part Joint Security Control may have played in the development of the general government-wide rules for protection of classified information. If any, it probably could not have been more than an informal advisory part.

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